

Assignment #2

Submission Deadline: February 11, 2018

Maximum Marks: 30

In this programming assignment you will implement a ciphertext-only attack on substitution cipher using frequency analysis. In particular you will implement and submit a **KeyRecover** program that will perform the following task.

- The input to **KeyRecover** program is an arbitrary encrypted message (encrypted using Substitution cipher) that is sufficiently large. You are then required to output the corresponding message and the secret key that used to encrypt this message. In doing so, you will take the help of **KeyRecover** program and an extensive manual analysis.
- **What else you will be given?** For uniformity, you will be provided with the encryption program. You can use this program to encrypt messages of your choice (key is known to you). Practice the key-recovery attack that you will be implementing.
- The input to your program will be emailed to you on February 11. You will be given sufficient time to mount your ciphertext-only attack on the input and to submit the corresponding plaintext, secret key pairs.

Important Instructions!!

- 20 marks, out of 30, are for correctness. The rest 10 will account for programming efficiency and proficiency.
- Note that, each one of you will get a different input. So it is important that you learn the frequency analysis well by your self. The method can be found in the reference book along with example analysis. Your **KeyRecover** program needs to automate some its components.